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Meeting Location:

(All Chapter Meetings will be webinar format thru the end of 2020)

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President's Corner:

Welcome back to ASHRAE! Despite the challenges we all are facing as an organization and as individuals during this difficult time, I look forward to what this year holds in store for the Memphis Chapter. I am excited to lead our Chapter this year as we advance ASHRAE and promote the HVAC industry in the greater Memphis area.

We have a tremendous group of individuals serving our chapter on the Board of Governors. Chapter officers for the upcoming year are Eric Tabor as President-Elect, James Bellou as Technology Transfer/Program Chair, and Lionel Davis as Secretary. Chapter Chairs are Mariel Meegan for Research Promotion, Tom Bird for Treasurer, Mike Bilderbeck for Government Affairs, James Bellou for Membership Promotions, Mariel Meegan for Student Activities, Ryan Mathis for Young Engineer Activities, Jerry Gatlin for Historian, and Patrick Silva as our Digital Communications Chair. I want to thank these individuals for sacrificing their time to help make our chapter successful.

I would like to encourage engagement between members and the BOG. Please let me know if you see room for improvement in areas as we kick off this season. It is also important to me to encourage new participation in our chapter. If leadership within ASHARE sparks your interest and you would like to become more engaged within our chapter, reach out to myself or another BOG member to see how you can get plugged into a role. On a similar note, I would like to encourage those in leadership roles to encourage participation from coworkers and employees. ASHRAE should be a place for those within the HVAC industry to learn and connect with others in our industry. I am asking for your help to accomplish this and help foster healthy community within our organization.

For Fall 2020, we will be having monthly online webinars to abide by local ordinances and to keep everyone as safe as possible. We will evaluate if this will continue in the Spring of 2021 in the upcoming months. We are still working towards scheduling events and hope to hold a golf tournament this Fall.

I look forward to seeing everyone in person soon. Thank you for your involvement!

Sincerely,
Alan Watts

Chapter Meeting Topic: Cooling Tower Suction Piping

When designing cooling tower suction piping, it is absolutely critical that engineers have sufficient NPSH to the condenser water pump and avoid any piping design errors that could cause air to come out of the pumping solution. If either of these becomes a problem, there are no easy solutions and the costs can be quite devastating. This presentation will focus on Cooling Tower Suction piping NPSH, air problems, and how to avoid common suction piping cooling tower pitfalls.

Presented By: Chris Edmondson

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Chris Edmondson received his B.S. Degree in Mechanical Engineering from North Carolina State University in 1967. During his summers, he worked at Barber Coleman and Jay Johnson Controls. After graduation, he spent four and a half years as a salesman with the Trane Company.

In 1971, he came to work for the James M. Pleasants Co., Inc. (Manufacturer's Representative for the ITT Fluid Handling Division) He worked as an Outside Salesman until 1978, when he was promoted to Vice President and Sales Manager till 1987. From 1987 to 2010, he has served as President of the Pleasants Company. Chris is currently CEO of James M. Pleasants Company.

Chris has served many years in the ASHRAE organization, holding positions such as Secretary/Treasurer, Vice President and President of the North Piedmont Chapter. For the fiscal year, 1985-86, Chris received the Rudy Ferguson Memorial Award (Presidential Award of Excellence). In 1985, he became a Technical Speaker to various ASHRAE chapters and he is a Distinguished Lecturer for ASHRAE. He spoke at ASHRAE's CRC Region VII meeting in 1992, Region III CRC Technical Speaker 2013 Bethlehem PA, ASHRAE 2014 NYC lecture series, ASHRAE Region IV CRC 2015 Raleigh NC, Birmingham's Region VII Meeting and many other ASHRAE events as a Technical Speaker. He held the position of Educational Activities Vice Chairman for Region IV from 1992 to 1994. In 1995 he was the Chapter Program Chairman for Region IV. He has served as Region IV DRC and on the ASHRAE Board of Directors. He has also served on the ASHRAE nominating committee. He is also an approved instructor on many USGBC GBCI LEED Presentations.

Announcements from the Research & Promotion Committee:

Thank you all for your support last year! The RP campaign is an important part of our chapter and the society.

Due to Covid safety procedures, certificates will be mailed directly to our sponsors, but we will be recognizing last year's donors at our next Chapter Meeting.

We are also planning a Golf Tournament on October 23rd at Timber Truss. Flyers will follow soon with more information.

2020-2021 MEMPHIS ASHRAE CALENDAR

Chapter Meeting

Tuesday, October 13th

Fall Golf Tournament

Friday, October 23rd

Chapter Meeting

Tuesday, November 10th